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SUBJECT: METAS DIRECT REDUCTION PROJECT

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1. METAS FIRM OF IZMIR READY TO BEGIN DIRECT REDUCTION PROJECT; NOW AWAITING BIDS FROM INTERESTED COMPANIES. ARMCO-KRUPP OFFER EXPECTED DURING PERIOD OF 15 - 20 MAY; KRUPP APPARENTLY HAS LICENSE PURCHASED FROM HEINRICH KOPPERS FOR REDUCTION PROCESS USING GAS DERIVED FROM LIGNITE, AND IS LINKED WITH ARMCO TO GET BENEFIT OF ARMCO'S LIGNITE GASSIFICATION

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PROCESS. IT NOT CLEAR IF BID WILL BE FROM KRUPP ALONE, ARMCO-KRUPP JOINT VENTURE, OR ARMCO ALONE. IN ANY CASE, METAS STRESSES IMPORTANCE OF OBTAINING TIMELY BID.

2. FOLLOWING RECEIPT OF BID(S) AND DECISION ON WHICH PROCESS TO USE, METAS WILL UNDERTAKE REVISION OF ITS FEASIBILITY STUDY, WHICH WAS COMPLETED WITH USE OF KRUPP OR LURGI SOLID LIGNITE REDUCTANT PROCESS IN MIND. WHEN REVISION IS COMPLETE, METAS PLANS TO CONSULT WITH IFC, WHICH IS INTERESTED IN FINANCING UNCLASSIFIED

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PROJECT IF ITS TECHNICAL FEASIBILITY IS DEMONSTRATED, DURING

PERIOD 15 - 30 JUNE. BY AUGUST, METAS WANTS TO HAVE LETTER OF INTENT FROM IFC SO THAT SERIOUS PRELIMINARY WORK CAN GET UNDERWAY FOR PLANT CONSTRUCTION. ACTUAL CONSTRUCTION SHOULD BEGIN DEC 75 OR JAN 76; METAS HOPES TO BEGIN TRIAL OPERATIONS LATE 78 OR EARLY 79.

3. ARMCO-KRUPP HAS INSIDE TRACK WITH METAS BECAUSE FIRM WANTS TO GASSIFY READILY AVAILABLE LOW-GRADE LIGNITE, THEN USE GAS INSZEDUCTION PLANT; ONLY ARMCO-KRUPP HAS COMPLETE PACKAGE FOR SUCH AN OPERATION. MIDREX REPORTED TO METAS THAT IT IS CURRENTLY DEVELOPING PROPOSALS FOR SUCH A COMPLETE SYSTEM, BUT IT WILL NOT BE READY TO BID UNTIL SEPTEMBER. THIS TOO LATE

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4. REQUEST ARMCO, MIDREX BE CONTACTED AND INFORMED OF METAS URGENT DESIRE TO OBTAIN BIDS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. SMITH

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